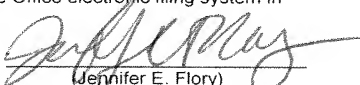


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is filed in response to an Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 12, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1 and 5-12. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification:** None

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.